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FRESH AIR FUND.



For Adults and Elderly People.

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"It seems to me that everything is done for children! Will not some one sympathize with the needs of those of an older growth—a Fresh Air Fund—a Summer Home for both sexes apart from the noise and restlessness of children!"—*Anna Lynch Botta.*

The New York Fresh Air Fund

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The New York Fresh Air Fund was incorporated March 11, 1898, by the courtesy of Mr. Frederick R. Coudert.

A concert was given at the Waldorf-Astoria on March 31, and with the proceeds the management was enabled to begin their work by furnishing daily excursions and country board to the most needy of their applicants.

"This was the first summer in many years that I was able to spend a few days in a beautiful country spot!" wrote an old lady, who lives at the top of a tenement with her lame grandson. "It is something I can now look forward to through the long winter." "Those few weeks up the Hudson built me up," wrote a governess who had previously spent some months in a hospital. "I want to thank all the ladies who so kindly contributed to give me this delightful change."

For a few who preferred the seaside we engaged board at Asbury Park.

One of them—a pale, wan gentlewoman, grown prematurely old from ekeing out her meagre income of one dollar and twenty-five cents a week for food and medicine. Unable to walk about, we found her spending the day on the broad piazza, looking out upon the ocean. “It is like a dream of one’s youth come back,” she said.

From patrons of the concert and other subscribers we gratefully acknowledge the receipt of \$464.

There is now on interest toward a permanent fund a balance of \$238.

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Some of the Incidents that Suggested the Need of a Fresh Air Fund for Adults and Elderly People.

In an attic room of a noisy street we found an old gentleman who had been for fifty years a poet and journalist.

"To pass a few weeks in the country once again before I die," said he, "has been the dream of many a long year as I sit in this garret where the sun seldom struggles in." The Home-Hotel Association sent him forty dollars that he might have his wish fulfilled. But the aid came too late, his dream was never realized—for on the morning that he was dressed for the journey, he fell back upon his bed and expired.

We were interested in an old lady, an authoress, who was provided with a ticket to spend two weeks at a cottage filled with the mirth and merriment of shop girls from the city. The old lady remonstrated with them for their noise. They said "Old cranks ought not to come here, we must have our nightgown brigades, we come here to have a good time." The old lady stayed one week and came home disappointed.

"Do you never go away in your vacation?" we asked of a young weary-looking teacher. "It is impossible!" she answered, "there are so many of us on a small income. I am the eldest. I've not slept away from home once since father died seven years ago."

It is to such as these that we wish to offer a change of air and scene in the summer time, so much needed.

